

Box Butte County Commissioners met in regular session 9:00 a.m., January 18 2022, in the County Board Room, second floor of the County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Ave., Alliance, NE. Notice of meeting was published in Alliance Times Herald, January 14, 2022. Agenda was emailed on January 14, 2022, to board members and posted on the county's website: boxbuttecounty.us

Following an opening prayer, Chairman Burke introduced Patricia Johnston as the newly appointed Commissioner appointed to complete Susan Lore's term as she has recently resigned as a Commissioner. This appointment was made in accordance with state statute 32-567.

Chairperson Burke called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Roll call: Steve Burke, Mike McGinnis, Patricia Johnston, present. Judy Messersmith, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairperson Burke acknowledged that this meeting will follow the open meeting act posted on the North wall of the County Board Room. McGinnis moved, seconded by Johnston to accept the agenda as printed. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. No public comment on agenda items. Burke moved to accept the January 5, 2022, minutes as written, seconded by McGinnis. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. McGinnis moved to accept and sign County Sheriff monthly reports, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Correspondence was acknowledged and available for public view. Commissioner McGinnis announced that the ARPA fund committee will be meeting at 9:00 a.m., February 1, 2022 to discuss possible expenditures using the ARPA funds. Commissioners reported on board meetings they had recently attended.

Box Butte County Treasurer Val Bell presented the Treasurer's Semi Annual Report, and informed the Board that the report was to be published in The Ledger. No action taken.

Box Butte County Sheriff Mowry and Deputy Sheriff JD Sutphen informed the Board of the need to move a radio into the jail, allowing jailers to assist night time dispatchers. Sheriff Mowry provided a quote in the amount of \$2,351.00 from Action Communications Inc. For betterment of the county, McGinnis moved to allow ARPA funds to be used for the installation and equipment in order for a radio to be located allowing the jailers to assist with dispatch duties, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Sheriff Mowry provided the update on new jail locks and that NE Fire and Safety had installed new locks at the North Platte, NE jail, more information will be brought to the Board at a later date.

Burke moved, seconded by McGinnis to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:23 a.m. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. County Assessor Michelle Robinson presented the correction book, with one real estate correction. McGinnis moved allowing Chairman Burke to sign the correction book as presented, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. County Treasurer Bell asked that application for exemption forms 457 be added to the February 2, 2022 board meeting. No action taken. McGinnis moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:27 a.m., seconded by Burke. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report, asking the Board to declare surplus property during the February 2, 2022 board meeting. Burke moved, seconded by McGinnis allowing MC Schaff to advertise for reconstruction of West Otoe Rd. Bids will be received in the office of the County Clerk until 3:30 p.m., February 17, 2022. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Road Superintendent Keegan had recently attended a meeting held by the NRD and would like to offer a bridge at CR55 allowing NRD to put in a dam. Road Superintendent Keegan will purchase a traffic counter with the possibility of obtaining a NIRMA grant for part of the purchase. Doug Hashman was present to offer opinion on road conditions. The 1 & 6 year road plan to be held at 1:30 p.m., February 22, 2022 was discussed with possible projects to be added to the plan. Commissioners asked about bus routes, mail routes and estimated cost for 1 & 6 year road plan options.

No action taken on annual weed reports and plan documents that have not been received by the County of Box Butte.



Commissioner McGinnis had provided an internet auction agreement (Agreement 2022-01), with Purple Wave, listing transit vans that are no longer in service. Purple Wave has agreed to waive listing fee. McGinnis moved, seconded by Johnston allowing Chairman Burke to sign the internet auction agreement listing transit vans and other surplus items. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

McGinnis moved, seconded by Johnston to table Amendment No.1 to Telecommunications Sharing Agreement with Tri-State, as the document listed Chadron, NE address. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

McGinnis moved to adopt Amendment No. 5 to the Box Butte County Medical Benefit Plan, seconded by Burke. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to approve monthly claims except for Renkoski Vegetation Services invoices #4280 (\$4,083.33) and #4279 (\$6,500.00), tabling the Renkoski claim to the February 2, 2022 board meeting, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Commissioners Burke, McGinnis, and Johnston conducted a quarterly jail visit (47-109) at 11:30 a.m., returning at 11:53 a.m.

Chairman Burke adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Chairperson

County Clerk